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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications

SUBJECT: Clandestine Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications

REFERENCE: Report to CEFLP, December 1960; The Availability and and Informational Value of Chinese Communist Publications in 1960

1. The CEFLP is aware and appreciative of the excellent results obtained by OCR/CIA in its extraordinary efforts since the autumn of 1959 to use all possible overt channels for procurement of Chinese Communist publications. Without these efforts most of the publications might have been lost.

2. The Committee believes that recent developments, and inferentially further developments, as indicated in the referenced report which quotes responsible officials from Hong Kong to Oslo, pose a threat to procurement which the most clever procedures of overt collection may not be able to circumvent.

3. Therefore, in recognition of the extreme importance of Chinese Communist publications as a prime source of information for intelligence, the CEFLP recommends that PROCIB promote the development of clandestine means for the regular procurement of Chinese Communist publications.

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